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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 1, 1888.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. JONES, from the Committee on Claims, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill S. 147.]

This bill was reported favorably in both the Senate and House in the Forty-ninth Congress, and this committee re-adopt the Senate report at last session, as follows:

This bill is for the relief of S. D. Barclay, G. D. Adams, and William H. Kimbrough, who were sureties on the bond of Samuel A. Blaine, late Indian agent at Wichita Agency, and against whom, as such sureties, judgment was rendered in the United States court for the northern district of Texas, at Waco, for the sum of \$5,000, on the 25th day of November, A. D. 1886.

Said Blaine was appointed Indian agent at Wichita Agency, and gave bond as such agent on February 8, 1859, and his service ran up to June 30, 1860, when he resigned and filed his final account-current, which showed the Government to be in his debt in the sum of \$92.83.

Blaine died in 1866. No notice of any claim of the Government against Blaine was ever given him in his lifetime, and none was given his sureties until the year 1883, more than twenty-three years after his resignation and final account-current, and more than sixteen years after his death.

Congress has repeatedly relieved parties in similar cases of long delay on the part of the Government, and for reasons that must strongly impress all fair-minded men. The Senate of the United States has recognized the equity and justice of thus relieving persons during the present Congress. But in addition to this strong ground for relief, the parties in this case have other facts in their favor.

Except in two or three items of comparatively small amounts, the alleged deficiency of Blaine is in his property account. He is charged with large quantities of goods, for which the papers *now* in the Second Auditor's Office do not show that he has satisfactorily accounted. The Second Auditor having been requested by this committee to furnish all the facts and information in his possession in this case; forwarded copies of accounts, all of which are printed herewith for the information of the Senate, and accompanied them with a letter, which is also printed, and from which we make the following extracts:

It is well known, however, that under the superintendency system it was the frequent practice for the superintendent to send invoices in advance of delivery, requiring the agent to receipt for the goods which were supposed to be *en route* for the agency, and the accounting officers are satisfied that in many cases the goods never actually passed into the agent's hands, though in the evidence furnished he was chargeable with the value thereof. This office is strongly inclined to think this a case of that kind, the more so as an examination of the first property returns of Blaine's successor, M. Leeper, shows that the latter entered as received from Super-

intendent Rector a large quantity of goods of like description with those in question, and the paucity and incompleteness of the records as then kept prevent *certainly* on this point. The papers furnish strong probability of the identity in many cases of the goods charged to Blaine with those taken up by Leeper.

It is quite possible that in the disturbed state of the country the supplies invoiced to Blaine and receipted for by him did not arrive till his successor had taken charge. One other remark may be justifiable in this connection. It is well known that the Indian Office has stored away, waiting the slow action of an insufficient force of assorting clerks, a large number of accounts, documents, and other evidence relating to the service before the war; the fires to which that office has been subject, having compelled those records to be stored in chaotic condition, it is possible, therefor, that the evidence which might throw light on the transaction involved in this case may be concealed in that mass of papers.

In addition to all this, it appears that the records, papers, &c., at the Wichita Agency were destroyed during the war by Quantrell's band.

Mr. Blaine is shown to have been a man of correct habits and good character. He left the agency on horseback and lived and died a poor man.

Under all these circumstances this committee believe it to be very much more likely that Blaine either receipted for these goods, not having received them, or that he accounted for them and his accounts have been lost or mislaid, than that he should have misappropriated them.

The parties asking relief say that they were in comfortable circumstances when they executed the bond, but that they cannot now pay this judgment without waiving their exemptions under the law and selling their homesteads and leaving their families homeless.

Under all the circumstances of this case your committee believe these parties entitled fairly to the relief they ask, and they report the bill back to the Senate and recommend its passage.

Memorial of S. D. Barclay, of Texas, asking for Congressional relief.

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled:

Your petitioner, S. D. Barclay, who resides in the county of Falls, State of Texas, respectfully represents to your honorable body that, on the 8th day of February, A. D. 1859, Samuel A. Blaine, then a resident of said county and State, having been appointed Indian agent of the Wichita Agency, Indian Territory, by the President of the United States, did execute and deliver a bond payable to the United States, in the sum of \$5,000, conditioned as required by law, with S. S. Ward, D. G. Adams, S. D. Barclay (your petitioner), and William H. Kimbrough as sureties.

Suit was filed against said sureties by the Government, on the 9th day of December, A. D. 1884, in the United States district court at Waco, in the northern district of Texas. Judgment was rendered against said sureties, on the 23d day of November, 1886, and execution issued, on the 13th day of December, 1886.

Your petitioner further represents that Samuel A. Blaine, agent, &c., executed and delivered the said bond, on which this suit is founded February 8, 1859; that his resignation as Indian agent was accepted July 27, 1860; that no official notice, or notice of any character, was given to petitioner of the alleged indebtedness of said Blaine until the year, A. D. 1883, a lapse of twenty-three years after the alleged defalcation; that, owing to this lapse of time, the death of said Blaine, the destruction of said Blaine's vouchers by Quantrell's band, and the burning of the records of the Wichita Agency (as shown by exhibits hereto attached and marked B), your petitioner is unable to make an equitable settlement with the Government.

Your petitioner respectfully submits that a careful analysis of the certified statements from the Treasury Department, at Washington, D. C., hereto attached, and marked Exhibit A will show that the property, constituting the greater part of the alleged indebtedness is of such a character as to convince your honorable body that Agent Blaine did not misapply said property; that he did not sell it is evidenced by these facts: the Indians would not purchase or use such property; that Agent Blaine did not asport such property is shown by affidavit of L. B. Barton hereto attached and marked Exhibit B (which exhibit see for material facts).

Your petitioner further represents that at the date of the execution of said bond the sureties were solvent, but through the vicissitude of war and misfortune all of said sureties are now poor and unable to pay off and satisfy said execution, without waiving the exemption law, selling their homesteads and leaving their families homeless.

Your petitioner respectfully calls the attention of your honorable body to affidavits of citizens of this county hereto attached and marked Exhibit C, also certificate of Hon. C. B. Pearre, United States district attorney for the northern district of Texas, marked Exhibit D.

Premises considered, your petitioner prays your honorable body to adopt such measures as will relieve him from the payment and satisfaction of said execution, and as in duty bound he will ever pray, &c.

S. D. BARCLAY,
Petitioner.

EXHIBIT A.

Statement of Indian property chargeable to S. A. Blain, late United States Indian agent at Wichita Agency, viz:

BILL OF P. POULTNEY, MARCH 19, 1859.

7 dozen hams, at \$6	\$42 00
6½ dozen collars, at \$10	67 50
120 pairs trace-chains, at 93 cents	111 60
4 dozen hand saws, at \$6	24 00
10 dozen hoes (steel), at \$8	80 00
2½ dozen froes (steel), at \$15	41 25
12 dozen broad axes, at \$2.75	33 00
½ dozen snathes, at \$5	83
½ dozen English scythes, at \$12	1 00
5½ hammers, at \$4	23 34
400 quarter-steel augers, at 7 cents	28 00
8 dozen auger handles, at \$1	8 00
12 dozen chisels, at \$1	12 00
3 dozen chisels, at 75 cents	2 25
8 dozen spike gimlets, at \$1.50	12 00
7 cross-cut saws, at \$3.75	26 25
4 best steel corn-mills, at \$8	32 00
8 best steel corn-mills, large, at \$9	72 00
20 dozen C. S. hoes, extra size, at \$7.50	150 00
3 dozen spades, at \$9	27 00
3 dozen spades, at \$9	27 00
6 dozen axes, at \$10	60 00
6 dozen log-chains, extra size, at \$2	12 00
1 dozen C. S. foot adzes	18 00
120 drawing-knives	48 00

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12 dozen socket chisels, at \$4.50	54 00
3 dozen firmer's chisels, at \$3	9 00
3½ dozen wood rasps, at \$4	15 66
4 dozen flat files, at \$4	16 00
12 dozen hand-saw files, at 50 cents	6 00
20 dozen butcher-knives, at \$1.60	32 00
377 pounds brass kettles	105 56
Packing, carting, and insurance, &c	122 47

1,319 71

Bill of S. B. Chittenden, July 21, 1859:

2,000 yards calico, at 9½ cents	185 00
200 yards blue cloth, at \$1.40	280 00

Bill of Cronin, Huorxhal & Seears, March 9, 1859:

None of the property taken up	4,220 00
Balance of property received from S. P. Ross	485 20
Balance of property received from A. H. Cline	4 18
1 yoke of oxen of John Shirley	50 00
Balance for blanks of Calhouns	6 00

6,550 09

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
SECOND AUDITOR'S OFFICE,
February 8, 1884.

I certify that I have examined and adjusted the account of Samuel A. Blaine, Indian agent at Wichitaw Agency, from February 8, 1859, to June 30, 1860, for cash and property under his bond of February 8, 1859, and find he is indebted to the United States in the sum of \$7,050.10, under appropriation, as follows:

Collecting and establishing Southern Comanches, Wichitas, &c., on reservation of Kansas River.....	\$6,254 26
Expenses of colonizing and supporting Indians in Texas.....	795 84
	7,050 10

as appears from the statement and vouchers herewith transmitted for the decision of the Second Comptroller of the Treasury thereon.

[SEAL.]

O. FERRISS,
Second Auditor.

To the SECOND COMPTROLLER OF THE TREASURY.

SECOND COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE.

I admit and certify the above balance this 29th day of February, 1884.

H. D. UPTON,
Second Comptroller.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Fifth Circuit and Northern District of Texas, ss:

I, Jno. H. Finks clerk of the district court of the United States in and for the northern district of Texas, at Waco, do hereby certify the writing hereto annexed to be a true copy of the statement of Indian property chargeable to S. A. Blaine, late United States Indian agent at Wichitaw Agency, as shown by Second Auditor's certificate attached to statement furnished the United States attorney of the northern district of Texas, and also the said Second Auditor's certificate attached to said statement, the same having been used as evidence in case No. 9 of the United States, plaintiff, against S. S. Ward et al. (sureties on the bond of Samuel A. Blaine), defendants, as fully as the same remains on file and of record in said case in my office.

In witness whereof I hereunto subscribe my name, and affix the seal of said court, at office in the city of Waco, in said district, this 5th day of January, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, and of the American Independence the one hundred and eleventh year.

[SEAL.]

J. H. FINKS,
Clerk of said Court.

EXHIBIT B.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Falls:

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority, L. B. Barton, to me well known, and, after being by me duly sworn, deposes and says that he has been a resident of Marlin, Falls County, Texas, since the year 1849, except about five years, when he resided in Cook and Grayson Counties, Texas; that he became acquainted with Samuel A. Blaine in 1849, and that affiant's social and business relations with said Blaine were intimate from that period (1849) to his death, which occurred in the town of Marlin in the year 1865.

Affiant alleges that during his long acquaintance with Samuel A. Blaine he, with all others who enjoyed his acquaintance, regarded him as a man of undoubted integrity, and a citizen above reproach; that he was a man of good moral character and honorable deportment, being a minister of the Baptist Church, having the full confidence of the membership of his church and all others.

Affiant further deposes that on the 22d day of March, 1859, he, Isaac M. Barton, and Luke Church left the town of Marlin with the family of said Blaine and the family of affiant, to go to the Wichitaw Agency, Ind. T., and that on his arrival at Red River he was met by said Blaine to conduct them to the agency, but the families of said Blaine and affiant seeing a great number of Indians became alarmed, and refused to go to the agency; whereupon it was agreed that affiant, with his family and said Blaine's family, should remain in Texas, and affiant then built houses on the Texas side of Red River, where the said Blaine occasionally visited his family, and that they lived there until after the resignation of said Blaine.

Affiant states that he was at said place when Samuel A. Blaine returned to Texas after his resignation, and that he (Blaine) came from the agency on horseback, and brought no property described in Exhibit A, which has been shown affiant, and that at no time afterward was such property in the possession of said Blaine.

Affiant further says he never knew said Blaine to have in his possession any money except such as he furnished in small amounts to support his family, and that said Blaine died in debt, and that the place on which he lived in Marlin at the time of his decease was taken from his family for the purchase-money due on same, and that his family was left entirely without the means of support.

Affiant further says that the said Blaine, on his return from the agency after his resignation, and frequently subsequent thereto, stated to affiant that the Government was due him a considerable amount of money.

Affiant further says that he and the said Blaine, in the year 1862, removed with their families to Sherman, Tex., and that the said Blaine carried his vouchers as Indian agent with him to said place, and in that year he was set upon by the Quantrell band in said town of Sherman, who seized and destroyed his (Blaine's) private papers, among which were his vouchers as stated by said Blaine.

Affiant further states that it was currently reported and believed that the Wichita Agency, together with all property, was destroyed by jayhawkers during the year 1862, and that Agent Leeper, who succeeded Agent Blaine as agent, was at his house in Sherman, Tex., after the destruction of said property, and detailed the whole circumstances attending the same, and stated, among other things, that the files and records of the office were all burned up.

L. B. BARTON.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 7th day of January, A. D. 1887.

[SEAL.]

J. R. McDONALD,

Notary Public, Falls County, Texas.

EXHIBIT C.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Falls:

Personally came and appeared before the undersigned authority, E. C. Stuart, J. D. Oltorf, William Killebrew, Zenas Bartlett, all to me personally known, who, after being by me duly sworn, depose as follows:

E. C. Stuart says he has been a resident of Falls County since 1857.

J. D. Oltorf says he has been a resident of Marlin, Falls County, Texas, since the year 1855.

William Killebrew says that he has been a resident of Marlin, Falls County, Texas, since the year 1851.

Zenas Bartlett says that he has been a resident of Falls County, Texas, since the year 1855; and all join in deposing that they became personally acquainted with the late Samuel A. Blaine at the respective dates named, and knew him intimately in personal and business relations, and they say that he was a man of sterling integrity, a good citizen of moral character and honorable deportment, and that the said Blaine resided in the said town of Marlin from the dates of their acquaintance as above shown, until his death in the year 1865, except when temporarily absent in the service of the Government as agent of the Wichita Indians in the year 1859-'60. They further depose and say that they never, during their acquaintance with said Samuel A. Blaine, heard his standing as an honest, upright citizen questioned by any one. They further depose and say that the said Samuel A. Blaine was at the time of his appointment as agent of the Wichita Indians a poor man, and at the time of his decease, in 1865, his family was left without means of support.

E. C. STUART.

J. D. OLTORF.

WM. KILLEBREW.

Z. BARTLETT.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, at Marlin, this the 7th day of January, A. D. 1887.

[SEAL.]

J. R. McDONALD,

Notary Public, Falls County, Texas.

EXHIBIT D.

WACO, TEX., January —, 1887.

I certify that Judge E. C. Stuart, Hon. J. D. Oltorf, Mr. Z. Bartlett, William Killebrew, M. D., L. B. Barton, esq., are personally known to me, and have been for twenty years past; that I know them and each of them to be men of honor and veracity, and they all stand high in the State as honorable men and good citizens, and that their affidavit is worthy of full faith and credit.

CHARLES B. PEARRE,

United States Attorney, Northern District of Texas.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, SECOND AUDITOR'S OFFICE,

Washington, D. C., January 19, 1887.

SIR: In reply to your inquiry, through Mr. L. H. Mangum, of the First Comptroller's Office, as to the accounts of Samuel A. Blaine, Indian agent, you are informed as follows:

Agent Blaine was stationed at the Wichita Agency, and gave bond February 8, 1859; his service ran from that date to June 30, 1860. On his final account-current he stated a balance of \$92.83 due him from the Government.

On final settlement of his accounts in this office, the following differences were found:

- (1) He had received from Elias Rector, Superintendent of Indian Affairs, \$500 which he had not passed to the credit of the United States.
- (2) He had overcharged his salary \$264.43.
- (3) There were chargeable to incorrect computation, imperfect vouchers, &c., the sum of \$32.66.
- (4) Public property in his hands was not properly accounted for to the value of \$6,550.09.
- (5) Per contra, he had improperly credited the Government with \$204.25.

Thus his account stood:

Received from Elias Rector.....	\$500 00
Salary overcharged.....	264 43
Vouchers disallowed.....	32 66
Property not accounted for.....	6,550 09
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	7,347 18
Less amount improperly credited	204 25
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	7,142 93
Deduct amount due him by his account-current	92 83
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	7,050 10

Balance due the United States 7,050 10

His account was settled in 1862, and he was duly notified of the result by letter of October 17, 1862. On September 13, 1884, this office was called on for a transcript of the account for suit, a restatement having been made February 29, 1884, passing to his credit certain items which reduced the balance against him to the above amount.

The transcript was furnished September 17, 1884, and the account is now believed to be in suit. As the long delay in acting on the balance is a thing not originating in this office, and for which it is not responsible, no explanation of it is attempted.

Very respectfully,

Hon. J. K. JONES,
United States Senate.

WM. A. DAY,
Auditor.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, SECOND AUDITOR'S OFFICE,

Washington, D. C., January 24, 1887.

SIR: In response to your inquiry as to the accounts of Samuel A. Blaine, Indian agent at Wichita Agency, for relief of whose sureties Senate bill 3054 is pending, I have the honor to invite attention to the following statement, and to the accompanying exhibits.

Agent Blaine gave two bonds, dated, respectively, July 24, 1858, and February 8, 1859. On settlement of his accounts under the former bond, June 8, 1860 (settlement 9834 of this office), a balance of \$7.88 was found due the United States, arising thus:

Unpaid salary due the agent to February 7, 1859, inclusive.....	\$104 12
Per contra, two suspended vouchers amounting to.....	112 00

Balance due the United States..... 7 88

On revision of his accounts in 1884, the two suspended vouchers were for good reasons allowed in settlement, and a balance of salary, therefore, of \$104.12 was found due the agent, which was transferred as a credit to his account under bond of February 8, 1859, thus closing the account under the earlier bond.

Under the second bond Agent Blaine rendered accounts for cash and property to June 30, 1860. His resignation was accepted July 27, 1860, to take effect at once, though he appears to have remained at the agency some time longer; but his successor, M. Leeper, was appointed on the above date, and took the official oath on August 6, 1860.

The agent's cash accounts under the bond of 1859 were settled, without reference to his property account, October 17, 1862, and a balance of \$2,561.78 found due the United States. His own account, as rendered to June 30, 1860, showed a balance due him of \$92.83 as unpaid salary. The difference was made up of suspended vouchers, \$2,551.59; net amount of erroneous entries, \$103.02, being the difference between official balance against him, \$2,561.78, and agent's balance due him, \$92.83, or \$2,654.61.

A letter notifying him of the result was written October 17, 1862, but appears never to have reached him; nor does further action appear till 1884, when his account was restated, and property not accounted for charged to him, preparatory to instituting suit for balance due.

A statement of his property account had been made in 1862, showing \$7,578.06 as the value of property charged to him and not properly accounted for by vouchers of issue, transfer, &c.

On revision of the old accounts for restatement, the suspensions in his cash account were nearly all removed, the objections appearing too technical in character; and the property charges were reduced to \$6,550.09. The resettlement (No. 1314, February 23, 1884, this office files) shows, therefore, the following items: Official balance found due the United States, \$7,050.10; due agent, by *his own* rendering, \$92.83; difference \$7,142.93 (Exhibit A), made up as follows (Exhibit B):

Voucher 1, abstract A, second quarter, 1859, suspended because receipted by ÷ mark not witnessed, \$30; overcharge by him in computing salary, \$3.16.....	\$33 16
Amount received from Elias Rector, Superintendent of Indian Affairs, July 30, 1859, not credited to the United States by the agent	500 00
Amount claimed by him a balance due on September 30, 1859, but which he charges twice, once as disbursement on voucher 29, fourth quarter, 1859, and again on account current for that quarter (it forms part of the item \$7,772.65) (Exhibit E).....	307 77
Value of property not accounted for (Exhibit A).....	6,550 09
	<hr/> 7,391 02
Less amount erroneously passed to credit of United States.....	\$204 25
Less error in footing	50
Less salary short engaged by him in first quarter, 1859	43 34
	<hr/> 248 09
	<hr/> 7,142 93

In analyzing this statement the following remarks are pertinent:

(1) It is found, on examination of the settlements, that the total salary credited amounts to \$1,831.60, while the amount actually earned was \$1,937.50. He has, therefore, been short paid salary, \$105.90.

(2) In respect of the voucher for \$30, suspended because the cross ÷ mark signature is unwitnessed, no claim for the amount appears ever to have been made, nor has any evidence been found indicating that the agent did not actually pay the amount for services actually rendered.

(Exhibits G, H, and I.)

(3) The property charged arises almost entirely on certain invoices of goods which were not received with the agent's accounts, but reached this office February 3, 1860, inclosed in a jacket with the following indorsement:

"For account S. A. Blaine, agent, &c.

"The inclosed receipts for dry goods, hardware, clothing, &c., are respectfully referred to the Second Auditor to file with the property accounts of Agent Blaine, he to be debited and Superintendent Rector to be credited, with the face of the receipts.

"A. B. GREENWOOD,

"Commissioner."

OFFICE INDIAN AFFAIRS, January 31, 1860

These invoices bear Blaine's receipt for the goods as received from Rector, and the agent has taken up on his returns a small part of them and has been charged with the rest as property unaccounted for.

It is well known, however, that under the superintendency system, it was the frequent practice for the Superintendent to send invoices in advance of delivery, requiring the agent to receipt for the goods which were supposed to be *en route* for the agency, and the accounting officers are satisfied that, in many cases, the goods never actually passed into the agent's hands, though, on the evidence furnished, he was chargeable with the value thereof. This office is strongly inclined to think this a case of that kind; the more so as an examination of the first property returns of Blaine's successor, Mr. Leeper, shows that the latter entered as received from Superintendent Rector a large quantity of goods of like description with those in question, and though the paucity and incompleteness of the records as then kept prevents *certainly* on this point, the papers furnish strong probability of the identity, in many cases, of the goods charged to Blaine with those taken up by Leeper. It is quite possible that, in the then disturbed state of the country, the supplies invoiced to Blaine and receipted for by him did not arrive till his successor had taken charge.

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(4) The \$500 received from Rector (Exhibit M) appears to be a proper charge against Agent Blaine, who received it as salary, and perhaps thought it unnecessary to credit the Government with it on that account. But as he charged the salary in his vouchers he should have allowed credit for this payment.

Exhibit E shows the final account current of the agent. L shows a summary of the entries on *all* the accounts current rendered by him; N shows his entire account on the Government books under the second bond, omitting only the distribution of items under heads of appropriation. It is hoped that the papers transmitted will, in connection with this statement, render the case sufficiently clear for proper legislative action.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. DAY,
Auditor.

Hon. J. K. JONES,
United States Senate.

A.

Statement of differences arising on settlement of the cash accounts of Samuel A. Blaine, Indian agent, Wichita Agency, from February 8, 1869, to June 30, 1860, under bond of February 8, 1859.

Due the United States, per official statement.....	\$7,050 10
Due him by his statement	92 28
Difference	<u>7,142 93</u>

Arising as follows:

Second quarter, 1859. Settlement 609. February, 1861.

(Abstract A, voucher 1. See Exhibit A.)

Caddo Jacob, \$30 (signature by mark not witnessed)	\$30 00
For collecting and establishing South Comanches, Wichitas, &c., south of Arkansas	\$30 00
4. S. A. Blaine, services as agent August 7 to September 30, 1859, \$149.90. The correct amount, \$146.74.	
Overpayment	3 16
Pay of superintendents and agents.....	3 16
Add this sum received from Elias Rector, July 30, 1859, and not credited on his account (Exhibit M).	500 00

Collecting and establishing Southern Comanches, Wichitas, and South Arkansas Reservations	500 00	
Agent brings forward balance due him February 7, 1859, to fractional second quarter, included in settlement under old bond		104 12
		<hr/> 637 28
Deduct this sum short charged for his salary from February 7 to March 31, 1859, amount due	144 44	
Amount charged	101 10	
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Item of credit difference		43 34
		<hr/> 593 94
Total difference from settlement 609		
Settlement 8059. Fourth quarter, 1859, and first and second quarters, 1860.		
(Ab. Dis. Vou. 29.)		
S. A. Blaine. Item, \$307.77, salary due him to September 30, 1859. This amount is brought forward from his account current for third quarter, 1859, and is carried to his credit on the present account current, fourth quarter, 1859, and first and second quarters, 1860. It cannot be included also in his abstract of disbursements, and is here an overpayment disallowed		307 77
		<hr/> 901 71
Pay of superintendents and agents, \$307.77.		
Deduct amount improperly credited United States in this account current		204 25
Deduct correct addition, abstract disbursements, is....	\$7,773 15	
Agent's footing	7,772 65	
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Credit item of difference	50	
	<hr/>	204 75
		<hr/> 696 96
Total cash difference		
Add amount of his indebtedness for property unaccounted for as per statement herewith. (Collecting and establishing, &c., \$6,550.09)		6,550 09
		<hr/> 7,247 05
The agent is credited on account under this bond the amount due him on settlement of his account under bond of July 24, 1858, which makes a credit item of difference		104 12
		<hr/> 7,142 93
Difference accounted for		
(Treasury Department, Second Auditor's Office, February 8, 1884. M. G. Lee.)		
(Treasury Department, Second Comptroller's office, February 29, 1883. P. E. Northrup.)		

A'.

Statement of Indian property chargeable to S. A. Blaine, late U. S. Indian agent at Wichita Agency, viz:

Bill of T. Poullney, March 19, 1859 (Exhibit H):

7 dozen hames, at \$6	\$42 00
6½ dozen collars, at \$10	67 50
120 pairs trace-chains, at 93 cents	111 60
4 dozen hand-saws, at \$6	24 00
10 dozen hoes (steel), at \$8	80 00
2½ dozen froes (steel), at \$15	41 25
12 broad-axes, at \$2.75	33 00
½ dozen swaths, at \$5	83
1½ dozen English scythes, at \$12	1 00
5½ dozen hammers, at \$4	23 34
400 quarter steel augers, at 7 cents	28 00
8 dozen auger handles, at \$1	8 00
12 dozen chisels, at \$1	12 00
3 dozen chisels, at 75 cents	2 25
8 dozen spike gimlets, at \$1.50	12 00

Bill of T. Poultney, March 19, 1859 (Exhibit H)—Continued.

3 dozen spades, at \$9	\$27 00
3 dozen spades, at \$9	27 00
6 dozen axes, at \$10	60 00
6 log chains, extra size, at \$2	12 00
1 dozen C. S. foot-ades	18 00
120 C. S. drawing knives	48 00
12 dozen socket chisels, at \$4.50	54 00
3 dozen firmer chisels, at \$3	9 00
3½ dozen wood rasps, at \$4	15 66
4 dozen flat files, at \$4	16 00
12 dozen hand-saw files, at 50 cents	6 00
20 dozen butcher knives, at \$1.60	32 00
377 pounds brass kettles	105 56
Packing, carting, insurance, &c	122 47

1,319 71

Bill of S. B. Chittenden, July 21, 1859 (Exhibit I):

2,000 yards calico, at 9½ cents	185 00
200 yards blue cloth, at \$1.40	280 00

Bill of Cronin, Hurxthal & Sears, March 9, 1859 (Exhibit G):

None of the property taken up	4,220 00
Balance of property received from S. P. Ross (Exhibit F)	485 20
Balance of property received from A. H. Cline (Exhibit D)	4 18
One yoke of oxen of John Shirley (Exhibit J)	50 00
Balance for blanks of Calhouns (Exhibit C)	6 00

6,550 09

S. NORRIS THORNE.

FEBRUARY 6, 1884.

B.

The United States to Cadoo Jacob, Dr.

April 30, 1859. For services as expressman and laborer from 1st March to 30th April, inclusive, two months, at \$15 per month..... \$30 00

Received, at Cadoo Creek, April 30, 1859, of S. A. Blaine, U. S. Indian agent, thirty dollars, in full of this account.
\$30.

CADOO (his x mark) JACOB.

I certify, on honor, that the above account is correct and just, and that I have actually, this 30th day of April, 1859, paid the amount thereof.

S. A. BLAINE,
U. S. Agent, Wichita.

C.

United States to Herald Office, Dr.

Nov. 26, 1859. To printing 200 blanks, ch..... \$12 00

Received of S. A. Blaine, agent of the Wichita and other Indians, twelve dollars, in full of the above account.

W. B. & S. H. CALHOUN.

I certify, on honor, that the above account is correct and just, and that I have actually, this 1st day of August, 1860, paid the amount thereof.

S. A. BLAINE,
By Agent Wichitas and others, L. D.

D.

The United States to A. Hamilton Cline, Dr.

May 14, 1859.	2 blank books, \$3; $\frac{1}{2}$ ream foolscap, \$2.50	\$5 50
	$\frac{1}{2}$ ream letter paper, \$2.50; 1 gross steel pens, \$1	3 50
	1 dozen penholders, 25 cents; 1 box legal envelopes, \$5	5 25
	1 record book, \$3.50; 500 envelopes, \$2.50	6 00
	$\frac{1}{2}$ dozen lead-pencils, 35 cents; 1 quart ink, 75 cents	1 13
	1 ink-stand, \$2; 1 bottle mucilage, 25 cents	2 25
	$\frac{1}{2}$ pound sealing wax, 50 cents; 1 ounce wafers, 25 cents	75
	1 paper-file, 37 cents; 1 ruler, 75 cents	1 12
	1 paper folder, 75 cents; 2 dozen red tapes	1 50
	Box	25
		<hr/> 27 25

Received of S. A. Blaine, Indian agent, &c., the above amount, \$27.25 in full, July 9, 1860.

A. HAMILTON CLINE.

I certify, on honor, that the above account is correct and just, and that I have actually, this 9th day July, 1860, paid the amount thereof.

S. A. BLAINE,
United States Agent, Wichita, &c.

E.

The United States in account current with S. A. Blaine, United States Indian agent, for the quarters ending December 31, 1859, March 31, 1860, and June 30, 1860.

DR.

1859.		
Sept. 30.	To amount due S. A. Blaine this day	\$307 77
1860.		
Aug. 1.	To amount paid, as per abstract, to June 30, 1860	7,772 65
		<hr/> 8,080 42

CR.

1859.		
Sept. 30.	By balance cash on hand, W. and others	204 25
	By balance cash on hand, T. K. Indians	658 34
1860.		
July 9.	By cash received of Superintendent E. Rector	7,125 00
Aug. 1.	To balance due S. A. Blaine, agent	92 83
		<hr/> 8,080 24

S. A. BLAINE,
United States Indian Agent, L. D.

WICHITA AGENCY, L. D., August 15, 1860.

(On back of statement in pencil:) Balance due agent, \$92.83.

F.

Received, at Camp on Washita River, from S. P. Ross, United States Indian agent for Texas Indians, the following articles, for which I am accountable to the United States, viz: .

	787 pounds iron, on hand.	
	761 pounds surplus old iron, found by taking inventory.	
1,548	pounds, at 15 cents	\$234 30
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	100 pounds steel, on hand.	
	262 pounds surplus steel, found on taking inventory.	
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	362 pounds steel, at 20 cents	72 40
1	set blacksmith's tools, complete	100 00

1 set gunsmith's tools, complete	\$30 00
$\frac{1}{2}$ dozen assorted chisels	3 00
3 assorted augurs	1 50
1 lot old, damaged tools of all descriptions, sorts, sizes, &c	50 00
1 scales, beam, and weight	6 00
1 balance spring	6 00

S. A. BLAINE,

Deputy for Superintendent E. Rector.

(Wichita Camp, Washita River.)

G.

The United States purchased, by Elias Rector, Superintendent, from Cronin, Hurxthal & Sears, for Wichitas.

NEW YORK, March 9, 1859.

Bale No. 100:	
50 pair 3 pt. white Mackinaw blankets at \$6.25	\$312 50
2 pair wrappers at \$2.50	5 00
Bale No. 101, the same	317 50
102, the same	317 50
103, the same	317 50
104, the same	317 50
105, the same	317 50
106, the same	317 50
Bale No. 107:	
39 pair 3 pt. white Mackinaw blankets at \$6.25	243 75
Wrappers at \$3.75	3 75
Bale No. 108:	
50 pair 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ pt. white Mackinaw blankets at \$5.00	250 00
2 pair wrappers \$5.00	5 00
Bale No. 109, the same	255 00
110, the same	255 00
111, the same	255 00
112, the same	255 00
113, the same	255 00

4,000 00

Insurance from New York to Fort Smith on \$4,000 at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent

220 00

4,220 00

SEPTEMBER 25, 1859.

Received from Elias Rector, Superintendent of Indian Affairs, the goods for the Wichita Indians mentioned in the above and foregoing invoice of Messrs. Cronin, Hurxthal & Sears.

S. A. BLAINE,

U. S. Agent, L. D.

H.

Col. E. Rector, for Wichitas, bought of T. Poultney.

BALTIMORE, March 19, 1859.

8 dozen hames (*1) at \$6.00	\$48 00
8 dozen collars (*1 $\frac{1}{2}$) at \$10.00	80 00
200 pairs trace chains (*80) at 93 cents	186 00
8 kegs nails at \$4.75	38 00
4 dozen best hand saws at \$6.00	24 00
10 dozen long steel hoes at \$8.00	80 00
3 dozen best steel froes (* $\frac{1}{2}$) at \$15.00	45 00
2 dozen axes at \$10.00	20 00
2 dozen axes at \$10.00	20 00
2 dozen axes at \$10.00	20 00
12 dozen broad-axes at \$2.75	33 00

1 dozen swaths (*10)	\$5 00
1 dozen English scythes (*11)	12 00
6 dozen hammers (* $\frac{1}{2}$) at \$4.00	24 00
400 quarter steel augers at 7 cents	28 00
3 dozen auger handles at \$1.00	8 00
12 dozen chisel handles at \$1.00	12 00
3 dozen chisel handles at 75 cents	2 25
9 dozen spike gimblets at \$1.50	12 00
12 cross-cut saws (*3) at \$3.75	45 00
4 best steel corn mills at \$3.00	32 00

180 25

3 best steel corn mills, large, at \$9.00	72 00
20 dozen C. S. hoes, extra size, at \$7.50	150 00
3 dozen spades at \$9.00	27 00
3 dozen spades at \$9.00	27 00
6 dozen axes at \$10.00	60 00
12 log chains, extra large (*6), at \$2.00	24 00
1 dozen C. S. foot adzes	18 00
120 C. S. drawing knives	48 00
12 dozen socket chisels at \$4.50	54 00
3 dozen ferule chisels at \$3.00	9 00
4 dozen wood rasps (* $\frac{1}{2}$) at \$4.00	16 00
4 dozen flat files at \$4.00	16 00
12 dozen hand-saw files at 50 cents	6 00
20 dozen butcher knives at \$1.60	32 00

199 00

188 pounds brass kettles, at \$.08, \$28.00	52 64
189 pounds brass kettles, \$28.00	52 92
Packing casks, boxes, bales, cartage, &c	93 72

1,532 53

Insurance	28 75
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1,561 28

Received from Elias Rector, Superintendent Indian Affairs, the goods for the Wichita Indians mentioned in the above invoice of T. Poultney, September 25, 1859.

S. A. BLAINE,
U. S. Agent, L. D.

I.

The United States for Texas Indians bought of S. B. Chittenden & Co.

NEW YORK, July 21, 1859.

250 pairs 3-point white Mackinaw blankets, at \$3.50	\$1,375 00
200 pairs 3-point scarlet Mackinaw blankets, at \$6.40	1,280 00
50 pairs 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -point scarlet Mackinaw blankets, at \$4.50	2 40
250 pairs 3-point Gentinella Mackinaw blankets, at \$6	1,500 00
254 yards selvaged list scarlet cloth, at \$1.70	431 80
517 $\frac{1}{2}$ yards selvaged list blue cloth, at \$1.40	724 50
50 pounds linen thread, at 40 cents	20 00
4,214 $\frac{1}{2}$ yards calico, at 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents	358 28
5,171 $\frac{1}{2}$ yards calico, Merrimack, at 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents	478 36
924 yards Kentucky red, at 16 cents	147 84
4,913 yards blue drilling, at 10 cents	515 87
271 $\frac{1}{2}$ pounds sturgeon twine, at 35 cents	95 00
4,590 yards domestic sheeting, unbleached, at 7 cents	346 50
25 pounds cotton thread, at 30 cents	7 50
2,427 $\frac{1}{2}$ yards blue denims, at 92 cents	230 64
21 $\frac{1}{2}$ dozen 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ cotton shawls, at \$5.50	120 54
17 $\frac{1}{2}$ dozen 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ cotton shawls, at \$3.50	60 67
20 dozen cotton flag handkerchiefs, at 90 cents	18 00

*Taken up by M. Leeper.

77 $\frac{1}{2}$ dozen hickory shirts, at \$5.40	\$419 85
20 dozen Madras handkerchiefs, at \$3	60 00
4,853 yards brown drilling, at 93 cents	473 17
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Less 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent	311 62
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	8,591 90
30 pairs wrappers, at \$2.50	75 00
3 rugs, at 75 cents	2 25
Boxes and strapping	\$40 00
Cartage	15 00
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	55 00
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	8,724 15

Hickory shirts, Madras handkerchiefs and brown drilling outside of schedule.

Received, Fort Smith, December 12, 1859, from Elias Rector, Superintendent Indian Affairs, all the goods mentioned in the above and foregoing invoice, and for which I am accountable to the Treasury of the United States.

S. A. BLAINE,
United States Agent, L. D.

'Two thousand yards Merrimack prints, \$185; 200 yards blue cloth, \$280; not taken up by Agent Blaine.

J.

The United States to John Shirley, Dr.

March 31, 1860. One yoke oxen \$50 00

Received, Wichita Agency, L. D., August 1, 1860, of S. A. Blaine, United States Indian agent for Wichitas and others, \$50, in full of this account.

JOHN SHIRLEY.

I certify on honor that the above account is correct and just, and that I have actually, this 1st day of August, 1860, paid the amount thereof.

S. A. BLAINE,
United States Agent, L. D.

K.

S. A. Blaine, agent, in account with the United States.

DR.

Fourth quarter, 1858.

To property purchased of J. J. Scott and J. H. Strain \$422 45

First quarter, 1859.

To property purchased of J. J. Scott and George Washington 113 50

Second quarter, 1859.

To property of R. S. Cochran 100 40

Third quarter, 1859.

To property of Shirley & Christopher, E. Rector, Superintendent, and R. S. Neighbors, superintendent agent 15,953 93

16,590 28

To balance due the United States 16,527 78

To property of Agent S. P. Ross, third quarter, 1859 (as per receipt Ross's account, settled 14th March, 1860) 503 20

Second quarter, 1860.

To property of A. H. Cline.....	\$27 25
To one yoke of oxen of John Shirley.....	50 00
To seed-corn and potatoes of W. F. Morris.....	230 50
To blanks of W. B. and C. H. Calhoun.....	12 00
To school books, &c., of Agent R. S. Neighbors.....	
To scales and balance of M. Leeper.....	12 00
To 2 tons hay of Tecumseh & Waite.....	30 00
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	17,392 73
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To balance due the United States.....	7,578 06

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Third quarter, 1859.

By issues to Indians (from Shirley & Christopher).....	62 50
Balance due United States property not entered on return and not accounted for (see statement of differences).....	16,527 78
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	16,590 28
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Second quarter, 1860.

By issues to Indians, as follows:	
Clothing, &c., bill of Whiting, Galloupe, Bliss & Co.....	1,236 00
Blankets, &c., bill of Chittenden & Co.....	8,259 15
6 dozen axes and 4½ kegs nails, bill of T. Poultney.....	81 37
By stationery used up and taken up by Leeper.....	11 65
By seed-corn and potatoes issued to Indians.....	230 50
By 2 tons of hay used up for stock.....	30 00
By one hundred blanks used up in office.....	6 00
Balance due the United States, as follows:	
Property previously suspended and not yet accounted for. \$6,789 63	
Property received during quarter, but not taken up or otherwise accounted for.....	535 20
Property on hand per return.....	253 23
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	7,578 06
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	17,392 73

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ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS CURRENTS.

The United States in account with Samuel A. Blaine.

DR.

Fractional first quarter, 1859.

1859.	
Feb. 7. To amount due S. A. Blaine.....	\$104 12
Mar. 31. To amount expended, Abstract A.....	194 60
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	298 72

Second quarter, 1859.

1859.	
Mar. 31. To amount due S. A. Blaine, this date.....	298 72
June 30. To amount expended, as per Abstract A.....	468 40
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	767 12

Third quarter, 1859.

1859.	
June 30. To amount due S. A. Blaine, this date.....	367 12
Sept. 30. To amount paid, as per Abstract A.....	795 75
Sept. 30. To amount paid, as per Abstract B.....	564 90
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Fourth quarter, 1859.

1860.		
Jan. 23.	To amount cash paid, as per Abstract A	\$141 66
Jan. 23.	To amount cash paid, as per Abstract B	200 00
Jan. 23.	By cash on hand, Abstract A	\$358 34
Jan. 23.	By cash on hand, Abstract A	300 00
		<u>658 34</u>
		1,000 00

Fourth quarter, 1859; first and second quarters, 1860.

1859.		
Sept. 30.	To amount due S. A. Blaine this day	307 77
1860.		
Aug. 1.	To amount paid as per abstract to June 30, 1860	7,722 65
		<u>8,080 42</u>

CR.

Fractional first quarter, 1859.

1859.		
Feb. 7.	By balance due S. A. Blaine, this date	\$104 12
Mar. 31.	By balance due S. A. Blaine, this date	194 60
		<u>298 72</u>

Second quarter, 1859.

1859.		
June 30.	By amount received of E. Rector, Superintendent Indian Affairs.	400 00
June 30.	By amount due S. A. Blaine, this date	367 12
		<u>767 12</u>

Third quarter, 1859.

1859.		
July 26.	By cash received of E. Rector, per C. B. Johnson	426 00
Oct. 2.	By cash received of E. Rector, per F. A. Rector	1,000 00
Sept. 30.	By amount balance due S. A. Blaine, this day	307 77
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Fourth quarter, 1859.

1859.		
Dec. 20.	By cash received of Superintendent E. Rector	1,000 00

Fourth quarter, 1859; first and second quarters, 1860.

1859.		
Sept. 30.	By balance cash on hand, W. and others	204 25
Sept. 30.	By balance cash on hand, T. R. Ind	658 34
1860.		
July 9.	By cash received of Superintendent E. Rector	7,125 00
Aug. 1.	By balance due S. A. Blaine, agent	92 83
		<u>8,080 42</u>

M.

Received, Fort Arbuckle, July 30, 1859, from Elias Rector, Supt. Ind. Affairs, southern superintendency, five hundred dollars in specie, pay of agent for $\frac{1}{4}$ year, and for which I am accountable to the Treasury of the United States, under head of accounts "pay of supt. and Indian agents." \$500. (Triplicate.)

S. A. BLAINE,
United States Agent.

I certify on honor that I have actually this thirteenth day of July, 1859, paid the amount of the above receipt.

ELIAS RECTOR,
Supt. Ind. Affairs,

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT.

Samuel A. Blaine, Indian agent, in account with the United States.

DR.

Bond of February 8, 1859.

Nov. 3, 1860.	To Elias Rector, for amounts received from him December 15, 1858; January 13, February 4, May, 16, July 30, September 15, and December 12, 1859	\$3,320 00
Apr. 16, 1861.	To Elias Rector, for amount received July 9, 1860	7,125 00
	To property received by him and not properly accounted for	6,550 09
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	To balance brought down	7,050 10

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By disbursements from February 7 to September 30, 1859	1,145 31
And including his salary from February 7 to June 30, and from August 7 to September 30, 1859	541 18
By disbursements from October 1, 1829, to June 30, 1860	5,446 73
His salary for the same period	750 00
By Samuel A. Blaine, bond of July 24, 1858, for amount transferred therefrom	104 12
By disbursements allowed of items heretofore suspended	1,957 65
Balance	7,050 10
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	16,995 09

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